

Vital Statistics Advisory Committee (VSAC)  
Vital Records Protection Advisory Committee (VRPAC)  
Joint Meeting  
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 11, 2012  
10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

**ATTENDEES:**

**Convener:** Laura Lund, Science Advisor for Health Information and Strategic Planning (HISP), Acting Chair

**Committee Members:**

**Present:** Jonathan Teague, MCRP

**Phone:** David Grant, PhD

**California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Staff:**

**Present:** Terri Mack, Krista Christian, Julie Turner,  
Cindy Tanaka-Fong, Nicolas Bowen

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 10:35A.M. by Terri Mack.
- B. WELCOME:** Terri welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the New Year. The new Chief of the Public Health Policy and Research Branch, Nicholas Bowman will be joining us later. Terri provided a brief background of Nicholas to the Committee. He most recently worked for the Claims Evaluation Section of the State Controller's Office. Nicholas has also served as an Accounting Administrator for the State Controller's Office as well as working for the Department of Child Support Services
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**  
Jonathan Teague made a motion to approve the November 2, 2011 meeting minutes. David Grant seconded the motion. All Committee members voted to approve the minutes.
- D. VSAC RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**  
Attachment 1 State Registrar's Response to VSAC Recommendations is a recap of your recommendations from the last meeting.
- E. NEW BUSINESS:**  
Seven projects were reviewed.

The committee agreed to review the first project on the agenda, entitled "Short-term Neonatal Outcomes of Cesarean Delivery and Trial of Labor after Cesarean Delivery" toward the end of the meeting as David Grant was unable to review the document prior to the meeting due a an access problem. Julie Turner emailed David Grant the protocol and related project information and the project was reviewed toward the end of the committee meeting.

The second project reviewed by the Committee was:

**Project Title:** "Childhood Cancer Record Linkage Project"

**Principle Investigator(s):** Anand P. Chokkalingam; Patricia A. Buffler, PhD, MPH, CPH, University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health

**Project Type:** New Project

**CPHS Approval:** Approved

**Project No.:** 11-06-54

**Expiration:** August 3, 2012

**File(s) Requested:** Birth Records provided by California Cancer Registry 1978-2009 (select variables)

**Requested Identifiers:** Name, Certificate Number, Address

**Personal Contact:** No

**Identifiers Released:** No

**History:** New Research Project

**VSAC Discussion:** The Committee inquired if the number of bloodspots collected from infants born in California could cause bias in the sample. The Committee understanding is that any infant born in a California hospital is screened for genetic diseases and would have blood spot on file. Out of state births, midwife deliveries or home births may not be included.

**VSAC Recommendation(s):** Approve the data request.

**VSAC Motions:** David Grant motioned to recommend the approval of the data request. Jonathan Teague seconded the motion.

**VSAC Vote:** Committee members all voted in favor of recommending the approval of the data request. There were no oppositions or no abstentions. Motion carried.

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The third project reviewed by the Committee was:

**Project Title:** "Evaluating the Effectiveness of a 13-Valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine among Children"

**Principle Investigator(s):** Ramon Guevara, PhD, MPH; Laurene Mascola, MD, MPH; County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health"

**Project Type:** Continuing project

**CPHS Approval:** Approved.

**Project No.:** 10-02-04

**Expiration:** February 3, 2012

**File(s) Requested:** N/A

**Requested Identifiers:** N/A

**Personal Contact:** Yes

**Identifiers Released:** No

**History:** Previous data request

**VSAC Discussion:** No additional data requested at this time; revisions to protocol. This is Part II of the study that the Committee approved last time.

**VSAC Recommendation(s):** Approve the data request.

**VSAC Motions:** Jonathan Teague motioned to recommend approval of the data request. David Grant seconded the motion.

**VSAC Vote:** Committee members all voted aye in favor of recommending the approval of the data request. There were no oppositions or no abstentions. Motion carried.

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The fourth project reviewed by the Committee was:

**Project Title:** "Northern California Consortium for the National Children's Study"

**Principle Investigator(s):** Ira Hertz-Picciotto, PhD, University of California, Davis

**Project Type:** New Project

**CPHS Approval:** Approved.

**Project No.:** 08-02-55

**Expiration:** February 3, 2012

**File(s) Requested:** 2010 Birth Statistical Master File obtained for another study (select variables)

**Requested Identifiers:** No Personal Identifiers

**Personal Contact:** No

**Identifiers Released:** No

**History:** New Research Project

**VSAC Discussion:** No discussion.

**VSAC Recommendation(s):** Approve the data request.

**VSAC Motions:** David Grant motioned to recommend approval of the data request. Jonathan Teague seconded the motion.

**VSAC Vote:** The Committee members all voted aye in favor of recommending the approval of the data request. There were no oppositions or no abstentions. Motion carried.

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The fifth project reviewed by the Committee was:

**Project Title:** "The Effect of Local Deaths on Children's Behavior and Cognitive Skills"

**Principle Investigator(s):** Patrick Sharkey, New York University, Department of Sociology

**Project Type:** New Project

**CPHS Approval:** Requested

**Project No.:** Pending CPHS approval

**Expiration:** Pending CPHS approval

**File(s) Requested:** 2001, 2002, 2006, and 2007 Death Statistical Master File (select variables)

**Requested Identifiers:** California identifiers only

**Personal Contact:** No

**Identifiers Released:** No

**History:** New Research Project

**VSAC Discussion:** The committee had concern with the sample size and feasibility of researcher's proposal; however, determined that the concern should be a researcher issue and is beyond the scope of the committee. occurring; it will be a challenge for him.

**VSAC Recommendation(s):** Approve the data request.

**VSAC Motions:** Jonathan Teague motioned to recommend the approval of the data request. David Grant seconded the motion.

**VSAC Vote:** Committee members all voted aye in favor of recommending the approval of the data request. There were no oppositions or no abstentions. Motion carried.

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The sixth project reviewed by the Committee was:

**Project Title:** "Improving Cancer Registry Socioeconomic Data; Linkage with State Vital Records, Birth Certificate Data"

**Principle Investigator(s):** Dee W. West, PhD, Public Health Institute

**Project Type:** New Project

**CPHS Approval:** Requested

**Project No.:** Pending CPHS approval

**Expiration:** Pending CPHS approval

**File(s) Requested:** 1998-2009 Birth Statistical Master file (select variables)

**Requested Identifiers:** Name, Mother's address

**Personal Contact:** No

**Identifiers Released:** No

**History:** Continuing Project

**VSAC Recommendation(s):** Approve the data request.

**VSAC Motions:** David Grant motioned to recommend the approval of the data request. Jonathan Teague seconded the motion.

**VSAC Vote:** Committee members all voted aye in favor of recommending the approval of the data request. There were no oppositions or no abstentions. Motion carried.

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The first project reviewed by the Committee was:

**Project Title:** "Short-term Neonatal Outcomes of Cesarean Delivery and Trial of Labor after Cesarean Delivery"

**Principle Investigator (PI):** Tommy M. Bird, MS. Instructor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

**Project Type:** New Project

**Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS) Approval:**  
Approved

**Project No.:** 11-06-21

**Expiration:** N/A August 3, 2012

**File(s) Requested:** 2000-2006 OSHPD Linked PDD/ED/AS/Birth Cohort (select variables)

**Requested Identifiers:** California identifiers only

**Personal Contact:** No

**Identifiers Released:** No

**History:** New Research Project

**VSAC Discussion:** David Grant was unable to open the document and felt uncomfortable making a recommendation not having a chance to review the protocol. Julie Turner e-mailed the document to David and it was agreed that they would come back to this project at the end of the meeting.

**VSAC Recommendation(s):** Approve the data request.

**VSAC Motions:** Jonathan Teague made a motion to recommend approval of the data request. David Grant seconded the motion.

**VSAC Vote:** The Committee members all voted to approve the data request. There were no oppositions and no abstentions. Motion carried.

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The seventh project reviewed by the Committee was:

**Project Title:** "The Association between Gestational Age at Delivery, Race/Ethnicity, and Perinatal Outcomes"

**Principle Investigator(s):** Yvonne Cheng MD, MPH, University of California, San Francisco, Aaron B. Caughey, MD, PhD, Oregon Health and Science University

**Project Type:** New Project

**CPHS Approval:** Approved

**Project No.:** 09-06-56

**Expiration:** April 6, 2012

**File(s) Requested:** Birth Statistical Master File/1991-2009 OSHPD Linked PDD/Birth Cohort Data

**Requested Identifiers** California identifiers only

**Personal Contact:** No

**Identifiers Released:** No

**History:** New Research Project

**VSAC Discussion:** No discussion.

**VSAC Recommendation(s):** Approve the data request.

**VSAC Motions:** Jonathan Teague motioned to approve the recommendation. David Grant seconded the motion.

**VSAC Vote:** The Committee members all voted to approve the data request. There were no oppositions and no abstentions. Motion carried.

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**F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:** Terri asked the Committee to refer to Item F, Recap of Data Requests Approved in the Vital Statistics Unit - Attachment 3.

**G.** There were no questions from the Public.

**H. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Jonathan Teague motioned to adjourn the meeting. David Grant seconded the motion. Committee members all voted aye in favor of adjourning the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 A.M.